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FROM USDEL UNIDO II CONFERENCE

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SUBJECT: UNIDIO-GCII--OPENING CEREMONY

1. OPENING CEREMONIES OF UNIDO GCII CONCLUDED MARCH 13 P.M. WITH ADDRESS BY EXEC. DIRECTOR KHANE. HE SAID CONFERENCE, DEVOTED TO INDUSTRIALIZATION, NO UNIDO, WAS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS A POLITICAL EVENT OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE. TO SUPPORT THAT THESIS, KHANE SAID THAT PRESENT SYSTEM IN WHICH LDCE SUFFER COMPLETE INDUSTRIAL DOMINATION IS IRRATIONAL, HARMFUL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND COULD EFFECT THE GLOBAL GENERAL WELFARE TO THE POINT THAT PEACE WOULD BE THREATENED. STRUCTURAL CHANGES ARE REQUIRED TO ACCURATELY AND RATIONALLY REFLECT THE FACT OF UNIVERSAL INTERDEPENDENCE. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THEREFORE MUST IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY, SOVEREIGN EQUALITY AND INTERDEPENDENCE AS SET OUT IN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER OF UNGAS VI.

2. TURNING TO A CENTRAL ISSUE OF THE CONFERENCE, KHANE OUTLINED HIS VIEW OF EFFORTS REQUIRED TO MEET TARGET FOR LDCE OF 25 PERCENT OF GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN NEXT 25 YEARS. EMPHASIZING THAT PRIMARY ARENA OF ACTION MUST BE AT NATIONAL LEVEL, UNCLASSIFIED

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HE SAID CHOICE OF ECONOMIC MODEL NOT SO IMPORTANT AS DEVELOPMENT

OF NATIONAL POLITICAL WILL. HE SAID TARGET WOULD REQUIRE INTENSIFIED ASSISTANCE AMONG LDCS INCLUDING JOINT INVESTMENT IN MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES, EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGY, MANPOWER, ETC. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' ROLE SHOULD INCLUDE HARMONIZING INDUSTRIAL POLICIES WITH THOSE OF LDCS, ESPECIALLY IN PROCESSING OF RAW MATERIALS, PROVIDING LDCS GREATER TRADE OPPORTUNITIES, INCREASED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEED FOR PRIVATE SECTOR EFFORTS, HE INSISTED THAT DEVELOPED GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES WERE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

3. KHANE SAID THAT PROLONGED INTERGOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSIONS OF DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION REVEALED TWO INDISPUTABLE PRINCIPLES: 1) INDUSTRIALIZATION IS INDISPENSABLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS; AND 2) THE ROLE OF LDCS IN INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY SHOULD INCREASE.

4. HE SAID OF UNIDO THAT A) OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP, B) RESEARCH SHOULD BE ORIENTED TOWARD ISSUES OF TARGETRY, RESTRUCTURING INDUSTRY; AND C) A PERMANENT SYSTEM OF GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND SECTORAL CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED. RE UNIDO STATUS, KHANE NOTED DRYLY THAT ORGANIZATION SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WHICH IT HAS NEITHER AUTHORITY NOR RESOURCES.
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